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1. DUE TO HAWKE'S VISIBILITY AS A POLITICAL FIGURE AND POSSIBLE DELICACY OF DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, DEPARTMENT IS RELUCTANT TO PUT USG IN POSITION OF ADVISING HAWKE ON PROPOSED TRIP.

2. HOWEVER, TO EXTENT THAT HAWKE IS INTERESTED IN OUR POSITION ON CONTACTS BETWEEN U.S. AND PLO OFFICIALS, HE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT USG HAS UNDERTAKEN NO SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT WITH PLO AND DOES NOT BELIEVE IT USEFUL IN TERMS OF OUR PEACE INITIATIVE TO DO SO. SISCO

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